

REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated December 1, 2003 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 9), the period for response to which will expire on January 1, 2003.

Election / Restriction Requirement

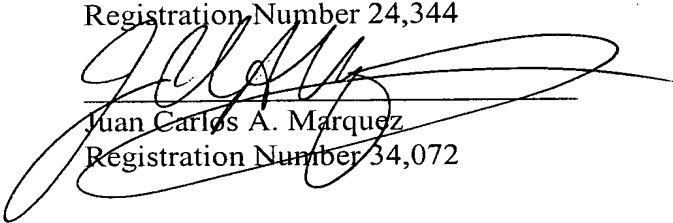
The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 through 11 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 through 11, drawn to a chemical sensor, have been elected in this application; while remaining claims 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20 are withdrawn from further prosecution at this point, without prejudice and traverse. Claims 3, 6, 14, 15, and 16 have been previously canceled in a prior communication with the office. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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